Introduction

- 1. Isaiah's vision of the LORD was one of holiness (<u>Isa. 6:1-5</u>)
 - a. Holiness is the attribute of God that highlights His purity, majesty, glory, and separation from sin (Ex. 15:11)
 - b. God is set apart from idols (Ps. 115:1-8; cf. Hab. 2:18-20)
 - i. "Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device." (Acts 17:29)
 - c. Israel was to be God's separated people thus holy (<u>Ex. 19:1-6</u>; cf. <u>Lev.</u> <u>20:26</u>)
 - i. Tragically, they became idolatrous quickly (Ex. 32:1-6)
 - ii. What happened? They had forgotten that God is holy and disobeyed Him (Ex. 32:7-8)
 - iii. Not the last time they did so (Jer. 2:11-13)
- 2. The Godhead or Divine Nature is one (cf. <u>Dt. 4:35</u>, <u>6:4</u>, <u>32:39</u>; <u>1 Cor. 8:4-6</u>; <u>Gal.</u> <u>3:20</u>; <u>1 Tim. 2:5</u>; <u>Jm. 2:19</u>)
 - a. Three distinct persons (Mt. 3:16-17)
- 3. All three persons of the Godhead are holy and must be regarded as such
 - a. God the Father is Holy
 - b. God the Son is Holy
 - c. God the Spirit is Holy

God the Father is Holy

- 1. Mary's magnification of the Lord shows His holiness (Lk. 1:49)
 - a. Indeed, God's name is holy (Ps. 111:9; cf. Mt. 6:9; Lk. 11:2)

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- 2. The high and holy prayer of Jesus to the Father shows His holiness (Jn. 17:11)
- 3. Peter states God is holy (<u>1 Pt. 1:16</u>; cf. <u>Lev. 11:44-45</u>)
- 4. The Revelation of Jesus Christ shows God is holy (Rev. 4:8)

God the Son is Holy

- 1. The Son of God called holy before His conception (Lk. 1:35)
- 2. Jesus led a perfect life untainted by sin and is called the Holy One (Acts 3:14)
 - a. He is the perfectly holy High Priest (Heb. 7:26-28)
 - b. God set Jesus apart for the Messianic office (Acts 4:26-30)

God the Spirit is Holy

- 1. The third person of the Godhead is called the Holy Spirit
 - a. Instrumental in the conception of Jesus fulfilling Scripture (Mt. 1:18-23)
 - b. He is God, He is holy, and He must be treated as such (Acts 5:3-4)
- 2. The Holy Spirit inspired holy men to pen the Holy Scriptures (2 Pt. 1:20-21; Eph. 3:1-5; Ps. 138:2)
 - We need the Holy Scriptures to know that God is holy and thus be holy ourselves
 - The Holy Scriptures are all-sufficient for this purpose (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2
 Pt. 1:3)

Conclusion

- 1. God is holy
 - a. The Father, Son, and Spirit are all holy
- 2. God requires that His church be holy
 - a. Come back tonight for part 2!